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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 204TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION
2ND BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION
FORT CARSON, COLORADO 80913



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Officer of the Commander
204th Brigade Support Battalion
Building #2355 Titus Road
Fort Carson, Colorado 80913

Future Rough Rider Soldier,

On behalf of Command Sergeant Major and the entire Rough Rider battalion, I would like to personally welcome you and your family to the 204th Brigade Support Battalion. We are very excited to integrate you into our family. This Battalion continues to posture itself daily to be prepared to deploy, fight, and sustain the brigade in any combat environment within the next 12-18 months. Currently, we are focused on Reset & Sustainment, Soldier & Family Readiness, Individual & Unit Training, and Leader Development. Our goal is to build a capable staff, develop our leaders, and prepare our equipment for future operations.

Our battalion's history goes back to 1917 when, during World War I, the unit fought in numerous battles and campaigns to include St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, Alsace 1918, and Lorraine 1918. In World War II, the 204th BSB fought on the beaches of Normandy and Northern France, through the Rhineland, into Ardenne-Alsace and Central Europe. The unit then went through many series of inactivations and reactivations all the way up to December 15, 1995 when the unit was reborn and then re-designated from the 204th Forward Support Battalion to the 204th Brigade Support Battalion in 2004. More recently, the unit returned from Iraq in September 2009 where we were deployed to Forward Operating Base Duke, located in Najaf, Iraq. This was the second deployment of the 204th Support Battalion fulfilling the mission of maintaining war fighting readiness while providing combat service support to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized).

It is imperative to me that, during your transition from your current duty assignment to Fort Carson, you meticulously adhere to any safety measures necessary to ensure that your travels are incident free and that you and your family arrive safely. Your sponsor will be contacting you shortly to assist you with your transition and relocation to the Battalion and Fort Carson. If you have any immediate questions, please contact the Battalion S-1 office at (719) 526-8110 or (719) 337-3147.

You will without a doubt find your tour of duty here in the 204th BSB both challenging and rewarding at the same time. Soldiers in this battalion are elite, disciplined, physically and spiritually fit, motivated and family focused. I look forward to ensuring that you receive ample opportunities for personal and professional growth within this organization. We are extremely proud to be your Commander and Command Sergeant Major and look forward to your integration into the Rough Rider family. Rough Riders! Make it happen!

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CSM, USA
Command Sergeant Major

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